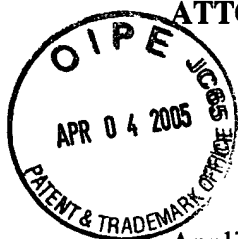


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COMMENT ON REASON FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)

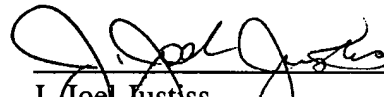
The Applicants submit these comments in response to the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance included in the Notice of Allowance mailed January 26, 2005.

According to MPEP 1304.14, the statement of allowance should include at least (1) the major difference in the claims not found in the prior art of record, and (2) the reasons why that difference is considered to define patentability over the prior art if either of these reasons is not clear in the record. The Examiner's statement of allowance merely restates a portion of Claim 1 and does not provide major differences or state the reasons why the differences define patentability over the prior art as advised in MPEP 1304.14. Accordingly, the Examiner's

statement of reason for allowance does not comply with the MPEP format. The Applicants, therefore, deny acquiescence to the statement and further deny being bound by any negative inferences that may flow therefrom in any future proceedings regarding this application or any patents indirectly or directly issuing therefrom.

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